FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Memorandum dated 16th March 1920.

To—The Heads of all Offices.

The undersigned observes that in spite of all the efforts made by the Insurance Office to bring home to the insured persons the advantages secured by registering under Rule 23 of the Official Branch Rules nominees for Insurance policies, about 50 per cent of the insured persons have not registered their nominees. With a view to further encourage the registry of nominations, heads of Offices are requested to kindly prepare a list of the insured persons employed in their offices who have not yet registered nominees for their policies and advise them to do so as early as possible. In the monthly premium realisation statement for June 1920, accompanying the pay bills payable in July 1920, the fact whether he has registered a nominee or does not wish to do so may be kindly entered against the name of each insured. The advantages secured by registering nominees are set down below:—

Under Rule 23 of the State Life Insurance Rules, "if the insured is dead the bonus shall be paid to the person or persons nominated during the life-time of such insured, approved by the Committee and registered in the office of their Secretary, and failing such nominees, to their legal heirs declared as such by a competent Court of law and on the surrender of the Policy."

It has been noticed for some time that considerable delay occurs in claiming the bonus due on Policies held by deceased insured persons who have failed during their life-time to register their nominees, while in cases in which such nominees have been registered no such delay has been found to occur.

The cause for this delay appears to be the inconvenience, trouble and expense involved in securing an heirship certificate. *If the insured persons would therefore register their nominees during their life-time, all such inconvenience and expense would be avoided and the intended benefits of insurance would reach them as quickly as possible.* Nothing is lost by registering nominees but a very great advantage is secured; and the only reason why the privilege of registering nominees is not availed of to such an extent as might be expected, appears to be that the rule is not generally known.

The mode of registering a nominee is very simple and is laid down in Rule 23A, which is as follows:—"The nomination referred to in Rule 23 shall be in the form of an application addressed to the Secretary and shall be signed in the manner prescribed in Rule 17, the officer before whom it is signed forwarding it to the Secretary in a sealed cover for the orders of the Committee whose decision will be communicated to the applicant through the said officer."

This rule should, therefore, be made as widely known as possible and the insured persons advised in the interest of their heirs to register nominees in the manner therein laid down. Nomination once made are not absolute, and can be altered from time to time agreebly to the wish of the insured.

T. SATYARAJ CHETTY,
Secretary, Insurance Committee.

SANITARY.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CENTRAL SANITARY BOARD.

READ—

Letter No. B. 6461, dated the 9th December 1919, forwarding for opinion estimate amounting to Rs. 12,459 for constructing three kitchen blocks to the students' home attached to the Government High School at Chitaldrug.

Resolution No. 7, dated 23rd February 1920.

Resolved that the estimate for Rs. 12,459 be approved.

T. V. ARMUGAM MUDALIAR,
President.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OFFICE OF THE FOOD CONTROLLER AND DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SUPPLIES IN MYSORE.

REVIEW FOR FEBRUARY 1920.

Dated 12th March 1920.

1. *Allotments sanctioned by the Deputy Foodstuffs Commissioner.*—The Deputy Foodstuffs Commissioner for India sanctioned an allotment of 4,000 tons of rice from Burma, 400 tons of Bengal gram from the Punjab and 500 tons of rice from Bihar and Orissa. In addition to the above, merchants were at liberty to import wheat and Bengal gram, from any part of India, except the Punjab and the United Provinces, as in the previous month.